(*c*) Arrangements for the execution of 47 works, 22 under item (1) and 25 under item (2) have been made by the P. W. D. Division Officer, Nagercoil.

The amount so far spent during the current year is Rs. 2,150.

Road branching from Therkulam to Suchindram.

25. **MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate for constructing a rivetment wall on the road branching from Therkulam to Suchindram was sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, when it was sanctioned; and

(*c*) what are the reasons for the delay in taking up the work?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1114.

(*c*) Due to want of funds.

The P. W. D. Advisory Board.

26. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the P. W. D. Advisory Board constituted; and

(*b*) whether it has held any meeting and, if so, when?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) On 31-10-1939.

(*b*) Three meetings, the first on the 18th and 19th January 1940, the second on the 22nd and 23rd April 1940 and the 3rd on the 29th, 30th and 31st May 1940.

Bridge over the Alwaye river.

27. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the bridge over the Alwaye river is expected to be completed?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): The Bridge has been completed.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works.

28 **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state when electric power from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric works will be available for public consumption?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The supply of power to the various areas covered by the entire network is already available to the public.

Kudumbi Community in the Public Service.

29. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the number of applicants from the Kudumbi community for recruitment to the public service and the number of persons selected, if any?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Secretary in charge of the duties of the Public Service Commissioner*): No. No separate statistics are maintained with regard to applicants from the Kudumbi community, one of the 25 sub-divisions of the "Other Hindu" community.

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